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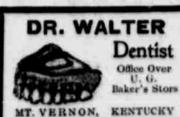
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WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number One

nerica Must Fight Hard or Germany May Win-Necessity for Milltary Training.

"Now, Billie," said his mother, "your Uncle Dan is coming tomorrow to pend a week with us on the farm, and if you want to know about the war. here's your opportunity. Uncle Dan is probably one of the best-informed men in the country." Billie clapped his hands and gave such a whoop that he wakened the baby, but what could you expect of a fifteen-year-old boy who is living interrogation point and wants to know about war?

Uncle Dan arrived in due time and Billie watched for an opportunity. It came that evening after dinner when Uncle Dan had lighted a cigar and taken a seat on the porch.

"I'm mighty glad you came, Uncle Dan. I want to talk to you about the war. We have just put military training in our township high school, but we had a hard time to do it. The Joneses and the Greggs objected_They said the war wouldn't come over here. Grandma Jones said: "They ain't no use to worrit, it will soon blow over.' Well, we put the training in just the same. You orter heard Judge Brownell, the president of the school board, do the slackers up. He said unless we take off our coats and go to it, Ger-many may yet win, and if she does, she will take over the great British fleet as a war trophy and compel us to do what ever she wants to; that she could make us pay all the cost of the war; the kniser could tax us as he pleased and that we couldn't help ourselves. He could make every one pay over a part of what he earns; that he could make the farmers pay rent for their own farms, etc. Now, Uncle, what do you think of that?"

"Well, my boy," said Uncle Dan. "all that Judge Brownell says might casily come true and may unless we go quickly to the aid of the allies with large numbers of men and help them break the German line. Unless we can beat the submarines, they may pre-vent us from getting enough food to the allies to keep them going. In that case Germany would win. As matters stand today, our greatest need is trained men. If we had had several millions of men with military training in our industries and on our farmwhen the war came, who could have been called at once for service, I do not believe the kaiser would have had no respect for us, and now we are in it and must go through with it. But never again must we be caught so

"There is only one safe way," said Uncle Dan, "and that is to adopt permanently universal military training apply it to every young man who be twentieth year. The training can be carried forward in the United State training camps that are now being es ablished for training men called by the selective draft. As soon as thes men vacate these stations, they shoulhe filled by younger men, and thi should be made the permanent polic of the country."

Billie's mother, Mrs. Graham, ha werheard the conversation. She cam out and said: "Really, Brother Day are you serious as to the dangers of our country? If it is as bad as that, ! is high time for us to wake up and d omething about it."

"Exactly," replied Uncle Dan. is better to wake up now than to b rudely awakened later. We may a well understand, sister, that this is ou war and we must win it or God help America. Everything that we have or hope to have—our liberties, ou dessings, our opportunities are all in colved in the great issue before us Nothing must stand between us anvinning this war. It is a question whether the peoples' right or the kall ser's might shall dominate the world if there ever was a holy war, this is it. We are fighting for world liberty We are fighting for the freedom e humanity. We are fighting for the ight of men to govern themselves in stead of being governed against their will by a war-mad overlord. Perilouimes are ahead of us. We must b. prepared to make any sacrifice, to per form any service that may be required

"Oh, Uncle Dan," exclaimed Billie 'may I bring my chum, Jimmle Col lins, when we have our next talk? He is a bug on this war business and just crazy to see you."

"Certainly," said Uncle Dan, with a hearty laugh. "If we are to have more talks, I shall be glad to have Jimmle

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